SUNDAY, JULY 5.

ISRAEL ASKING FOR A KING.

1 Sam. 8:1-10.

Morro Text-"Prepare your hearts unto the Lord and serve him only."- 1 Sam. 7:3.

"And it came to pass that when Samuel was old, that he made his judges over Israel "-Samuel lived to be ninety years old and died before Saul. He had freed Israel from the yoke of the Philistines many years before, and in everything he had shown himself one of the greatest men the human race had ever produced. He had been a great ruler, ruling in the fear of God. But the duties of his office as judge had become too great for him. There fore he appointed his sons as associate judges, and sent them to the south while he remained at Ramah "Now the name of the first born was Joel; and the name of the secoud was Abiah; they were judges in Beersheba."- Joel means "Jehovah is God," and Abiah "Jehovah is my father." By these names Samuel emphasized his abhorence to idolotry and his devotion to God

Beersheba, which means "well of the oath," was so-called because of tne covenant made there between Abraham and Abimelech, of which an account is given in Gen. 21. was on the southern border. Abra ham, Isaac and Jacob had lived there, as Elijah did afterwards.

"And his sons walked not in hi ways, but turned aside unto lucre and took bribes and perverted judg ment."-They were not as vile as Eli's sons, and it seems from confidence of the people that Samuel would do right they knew he wa ignorant of his sons' behavior. El knew of his sons' wickedness and did not restrain them. Even the best of men have wicked sons. We know nothing of their mother, but it probable that Samuel, busy with his many public duties, forgot his duty as a father, and left his sons too much to the mother alone, without making sure that she was as wise as his mother Hannah had been. From all we know of Sam uel's character we may be sure that if he had not thought his sons make good judges, "fearm; God and hating covetousness," he would not have appointed them.

"Then all the elders of Israe gathered themselves together, and came unto Samuel unto Ramah."-Ramah was Samuel's home, It site is not known. Moses chose seventy elders or heads of families to form a council. There were elders in authority in all the tribes, and these came as representatives of the people. They came to disclose to the aged prophet, now seventy years old, the vileness of his own sons. But they knew from his whole ong life of integrity and honor and fear of God that his judgment would not be warped with parental partiality.

"Behold thou art old and thy son: walk not in thy ways."-W hat confidence they showed in the honor and unselfishness of their old ruler. They tell him to his face that he is infirm with age, and his own sons whom he has appointed are unworthy! They judged him rightly. Samuel cared for God chiefly, and then for the people. No thought of his family came into his consideration where the glory of God or the welfare of I rael were concerned.

pamuel's sons were corr pto judges. But the next words of the elders show that his was not the real reason of their coming. Had it been they would have said to him, "Let us ask God to give us an other judge such as thou hast been. But they wished to conform to the world. Now make us a king to ander, Mitchem, Jacobs, Win Kere judge us like all the nations."- Alas are desirous of imitating others! Lewis, Marrs, Breckinridge, Par-Alas for the Baptists and other rish, Scott, Riley, Kirkpatrick. evangelical bodies when they run | Brethren Weber, Generals, Rid- C. in the way of Catholics with their las.

Easter! They had God for their king, and Samuel for his representative, and yet they imitated the sin of their fathers in the wilderness who longed for the flesh pots of

"But the thing displeased Samu el when they said, give us a king to indge us."-For Samuel loved God with all his heart and a desire to imitate the world was a direct affront to the Almighty. The elders had many seeming reasons dehind their request, but all of them based upon a lack of faith in God and God's methods. They wanted a centralized government. There was little organization - God established but little for his people under both difpensations. There was just then a strong league of Philistines tion \$2.75, pastor preached, collection. Let each S. S. if posagainst them, and they wanted a strong central power. As if God could not overcome all their toes with the jawbone of an ass in the \$8. hand of one man, if only they were obedient and trusted him.

Whenever Baptist churches have large element of unregenerated among them, they repeat this old plea of the Israeliets, and wish for stronger organizations than their separate churches, such as the other sects have around them. In the first century God gave them their desire, and out of Baptist churches tion \$13,65 came the hierarchy of Rome.

"Hearken unto the voice of the people in all they say unto thee; for they have not rejected thee, but they have rejected me that I should reign over them."-It is terrible thing to pray without asking "if it be in accordance with thy will.' Sometimes God grants the requests of men in punishment. He gives them the bitter experiences of their or n wills. He allows his churches to imitate the world. to ape the decay, and dearth of conversions, tion \$10.25 The people would have denied that they were rejecting God; men never put such things before their own \$25.13. consciences in plain words. But that was what they were doing. There never was a time in the his tory of the Baptists, except in the Fourth century, when the lessons of this treatment of God and his sovereignty in the establishment of 33, pastor preached, collection rules of worship, &c., were more \$10.27. needed than to-day,

have done since I brought them up tism and one restored, collection out of Egypt, even unto this day."- \$64. done rightly Israel would have not ridge preached, collection \$10.50. sinned thus. It was an old story. They had rejected Moses as they Brother Riddle preached, collection were rejecting Samuel. God needs \$7.00. to be infinite to have patience with men and the way they requite him cellent sermon which was much enfor his goodness. Again and again joyed by the Conference, and Rev. from the time they had worshipped R. H. L. Mitchem was appointed the golden calf had they forsaken to preach next Monday morning. God and worshipped idols. Again and again had sore punishments ment relative to the action of the been necesary to bring them to re- Conference last Monday morning,

"Howbeit yet protest solemnly unto them and shew them the manner ed: of king that reign over them."-God would appeal to their sober second thought. He gave them for the principalship of the one more chance to repent of their Eastern school was meant in any rejection of him. Samuel repeated way to reflect upon the character or his words to the them and showed standing of Prof. A H. Payne, for them how a king would treat them. whom this Conterence has the Verily human nature is as foolish highest esteem and regard, or to as it is deprayed or they would countenance any statements have asked that God should still made against his character or his reign over them and give them record as a citizen or an educator, as a judge another Samuel. But as we consider him worthy of they were resolved to have their appointment to any position in our own will. The ways of their own public schools, neighbors were more attractive to After the usual announcements them than God's ways. And their the conference adjourned with after history is written in blood and benediction by Rev. W. B. Hall.

ity Ministers and Deacon Conference

This body met Monday morning t Green street church. Members present Revs Bates, Gaddie, Fer due, W. B. Hall, Bowen, Jones, Richardson, Cosby, Brents, Alex-Hill, Craighead, Watson, Coleman, for the people of God when they Offutt, Mack, Russell, Ross, Davis,

Visitor Rev. M. Toomy. Rev. C M. Jacobs presided and Rev. J. Davis and Bro, F. Generals conducted devotional sevices.

REPORTS.

\$3.85, pastor preached, collection tention to the meeting of this body

\$5.50, pastor and Rev. C. M. Ja- As president of this convention I cobs preached, one received under feel it my duty to call your atten watchcare collection \$45.25.

pastor preached, collection \$29.

Emmanuel—S. S. 133, collection \$2.06, one received by baptism. collection \$28,67.

Lampton st-S. S. 105, collection \$104.94.

\$1.10, pastor preached, collection year to help foster our great cause.

Antioch—S. S. 40, collection \$1, Rev. G. W. Hampton and Brother, for the Lord. Taylor preached, collection \$8.

Mt Olive--S. S. 30, collection \$1.23, Rev. Wm. Baker preached, one received under watchcare, collection \$13.65.

Little Flock S. S. 53, collection 63, pastor and Rev. W. R. Hill preached, two by baptism, collec-

Campbell preached, collection \$4.60 Green Castle -S. S. 40, collection \$1.86, Revs. Lewis, Reed and Jacobs preached, collection \$58.30.

Newburg-S, S. 63, collection 94 cents. pastor preached, one received under watchcare, collection \$11.55.

Virginia Ave. S. S. 48, collection 85c, pastor and Rev. Mayfield from each agent. Certificate will preached collection \$3 85

Pewee Valley-S. S. 28, collecsects, and the results are spiritual tion 68c, pastor preached, collec-

Fox Run-S. S. 42, collection 50 cents, pastor preached, collection

Rose Hill--S. S 15, collection 30, cents, pastor preached, collection INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION Berrytown-Pastor paeached, col-

lection \$14 65. Elk Creek-S. S. 22, collection

Calvary—S. S. 140, collection "According to all the works they \$4.05, pastor preached, one by bap-

Samuel need have the added grief Junkins Run -S, S. 35, collection of thinking that if his sons had \$1.10, pastor and Rev. R. Breckin-

Howard's Chapel--Pastot and

Rev J. W. Ross preached an ex-

Prof. A H. Payne made a stateand after an animated discussion, the following resolution was adopt-

RESOLVED, That nothing in our indorsement of Prof. A. E. Mayzeek

Entertainment at Louisville Ky July 1-3 1903.

All rersons who expect to attend the Air American Council, at Louisville, ky, July 1st, 2 d and 3rd, are requested to notify either of the undersigned at once it it is desirable to have the Commune on En'er imment provide for incu comtort during the Council.

Board will be \$1.00 per day and the Committee will make assignments and notify visitors before they leave their homes.

Respectfully. W H PERRY, Chairman, 2909 W. Walnut S: W. HOUSER, Secretary, 2813W. Chestnut St.

To all whom it may concern:

Dear brethren and sisters of the young men's State S. S. Conven-Green st--S. S. 102, collection tion, I write this to call your atat Sturgis, Ky.. Thursday before Fitth st. S. S. 244 collection the fourth Lord's day in June 1903 tion to the educational and mis-Zion-S' S. 103, collection \$3.15 sionary work of the state, which is or should be very near and dear to each Baptist in the state. We can not and must not let the work o the state go down. Let us try to make this the banner year of the sible send a delegate and ten cents Portland-S. S. 104, collection per member to the convention this Let each Sunday school send a messenger, let us do great things

I am yours for the work, S. J. LEAVELL, Pres.

NOTICE!!

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Yours in His service. S. L. M. FRANCIS, Sec' y

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